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SCHEDULE

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR NEXT
SEVERAL MONTHS:

A. PHOTOCHEMICAL AIR POLLUTION ALTSHULLER,YAMAZAKI):
JAPANESE GROUP TO VISIT U.S., SEPTEMBER 8-10 FOR THIRD
CONFERENCE. INVITATION HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENDED TO
JAPANESE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
PHOTOCHEMICAL OXIDANT POLLUTION AND ITS CONTROL,
SEPTEMBER 12-17 AT RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NORTH CAROLINA.
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B. AUTOMOBILE POLLUTION CONTROL (STORK, NIWA): STORK TO VISIT JAPAN SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1 FOR PLANNING SESSION.

C. SEWAGE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY (MIDDLETON, KUBO):
(A) MIDDLETON TO VISIT JAPAN OCTOBER 8-15 TO CONDUCT PLANNING SESSION, FIFTH CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TENTATIVELY FOR MAY 1977 IN JAPAN. (B) JOHN RHETT, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR WATER PROGRAM OPERATIONS, TO VISIT JAPAN OCTOBER 18-29, TO DISCUSS P.L. 92-500 - CONSTRUCTION GRANTS, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, ETC. WITH KUBO.

D. AIR POLLUTION RELATED METEOROLOGY (WISER, TAKEVCHI): JAPANESE GROUP TO VISIT U.S. OCTOBER 12-15 FOR SECOND CONFERENCE. INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JAPANESE TO PARTICIPATE IN AIR POLLUTION METEOROLOGY-TURBULENCE AND DIFFUSION MEETING, OCTOBER 19-22, DURHAM, N.C.

E. MANAGEMENT OF BOTTOM SEDIMENTS CONTAINING TOXIC POLLUTANTS (BARTSCH, MIKANAGI): US GROUP TO VISIT JAPAN OCTOBER 24-30 FOR SECOND CONFERENCE.

F. STATIONARY SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (STERN, JAPANESE CHAIRMAN NOT NAMED): STERN TO VISIT JAPAN IN OCTOBER. WILL MEET WITH EPA CONTRACTOR, JUMPEI ANDO TO DISCUSS NOX SITUATION IN JAPAN.

G. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (HICKMAN, KUNIKAWA): THIRD CONFERENCE HELD IN JAPAN MAY 12-21, 1976.

H. HEALTH EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS (HUETER, MASUMI OIKE): HUETER DRAFTING LETTER TO OIKE REQUESTING THAT AN EPA REPRESENTATIVE DR. DONALD GARDNER MEET WITH OIKE TENTATIVELY SEPTEMBER 6-8 IN JAPAN TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW DESIGNATED POLLUTANTS AND METHODOLOGY FOR CONDUCTING HEALTH STUDIES. BASED ON OUTCOME OF MEETINGS FUTURE COOPERATION IN THIS AREA WILL BE DEFINED.

I. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (BALDWIN, ONODERA): FIRST CONFERENCE HELD MARCH 1, 1976, IN U.S.

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J. IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES (MUIR, IGARASHI): US GROUP TO VISIT JAPAN FOR FIRST CONFERENCE. MUIR DRAFTING LETTER TO SUGGEST POSSIBLE NOVEMBER CONFERENCE DATE.

K. OECD: REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN JAPAN: JOHN QUARLES, EPA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, WILL REPRESENT U.S. IN JAPAN NOVEMBER 16-20.

2. EPA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY (A) CONFIRMING CONFERENCE DATES WITH JAPANESE CO-CHAIRMEN YAMAZAKI AND TAKEVCHI (I.A.D.), POINTING OUT TO EACH THAT THERE WILL BE NO OVERLAP OF MEETINGS OR CONCURRENT SESSIONS OF THE TWO PROJECTS, AS EARLIER PROPOSED. (B) CONTACTING KAZUMI DEKIBA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY U.S.-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT TO DETERMINE STATUS OF STATIONARY SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGY PROJECT. MAY 28 LETTER FROM DEKIBA INFORMED US THAT NO DECISION MADE AS OF THAT DATE. U.S. CHAIRMAN, RICHARD STERN PREFERS, IF POSSIBLE, JAPANESE CO-CHAIRMAN BE AFFILIATED WITH MITI OR

ELECTRICAL POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EPDC).

3. ALL EPA PERSONNEL ARE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT SCICOUNS J. BLOOM AT EMBASSY FOR BRIEFING AND DEBRIEFING SESSIONS. KISSINGER

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